



## Brian Russell Wykes

November 16, 1976 - March 12, 2018

Brian Russell Wykes, 41, of Richmond passed away March 12, 2018. He worked in the cell phone industry for many years and was a connoisseur and lover of music. Brian was preceded in death by his wife, Lindsey Worthington. He is survived by a daughter, Amelie; his father, William Wykes (Louise); his mother, Martha Hamilton (Vernon); a dear friend, Holly Lemay; a step-brother, Dennis Boothe; as well as many aunts, uncles, cousins and friends. A celebration of life will be held 1 PM, Saturday, April 7th at Wellesley Clubhouse, 3601 Lauderdale Dr., Henrico, VA 23233.

# Tribute Wall

SM

“ I worked with Brian for a grip of years. He was my manager, my co-worker, and my friend. We hung out on many occasions. I have a LOT of really great memories hanging out with Brian. Talking movies, video games, Mr. Show quotes, and MST3K. I could probably share more than a few that would be embarrassing for both of us, but I'll keep them for just me.

It's hard to believe that Brian has been gone almost three years now. I do miss him. The last year or more before he passed we didn't really see each other much, but we talked through FB and text. I reached out to him more than a few times to try and hang out and I wish like hell he had taken me up on them.

I'm writing this now because I had a really emotionally rough dream with him in it the other night. I was apologizing for not doing more to hang out. Pleading with him to reach out to the ones he loved.

He was a good man and a good friend. Brian might be the only one to understand this, but it was something that we jokingly said to each other when we talked and we knew the end of the night was coming... "My shoes hurt, Brian. My shoes hurt."

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**Scott Meador** - January 21, 2021 at 08:36 AM

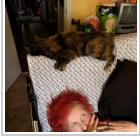
WI

“ I loved Brian. He was a good friend. He was funny. I can hear his voice in my head as I write this openly and ruthlessly mocking me for every inadequate syllable. Safety pins, punk rock, cigarettes, and Old Crow. And long arms giving angular hugs? Yeah, I don't know. Yep, there's that voice again: "stop you're cheap comment 'cos we know what we feel"

*All my love to Bill and the rest of the family.*

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**Will** - March 25, 2018 at 05:15 PM



“ <https://youtu.be/9ykdjC7rt5g>

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**Holly LeMay** - March 23, 2018 at 12:19 PM



“ *The deal was if he got to wear my jersey I got to post it.* ❤️



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**Holly LeMay** - March 22, 2018 at 06:34 PM

MC

“ Please accept my condolences.

*Brian was my first friend in high school at GSA. We instantly developed a deep friendship based on everything that matters to a young, awkward artist looking for fellowship and commonality; music, film, theater, late-night hangs, late-night rehearsals, double-dates...*

*Early on in high school, we would often share the bus home from school because we lived near each other. Hanging out with Brian was like watching a brilliant young unknown stand-up comedian/writer unaware of his own genius. He was dry in a way that was somehow joyful, he was a pop-culture wizard, and he knew deep cuts from bands from Ministry to Live.*

*There are so many stories I am so glad to have, thanks to Brian. High school pals aren't always loyal, but I knew he always had my back. We were both passionate about good art. And bad art. We had a second home at Denny's. We both got a "D" in tap class. He helped me laugh at myself and made me feel cool.*

*To the best Guildenstern a Rosencrantz could ever ask for, thank you for the laughter and for this place in my heart's memory.*

*"We do on stage things that are supposed to happen off. Which is a kind of integrity, if you look on every exit as being an entrance somewhere else."*

*-Matt*

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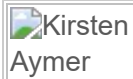
**Matt Caplan** - March 21, 2018 at 09:48 PM



*Matt, I can tell you as his roommate I heard fables of you. He held you in regard & affection. ❤️*

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**Holly LeMay** - March 22, 2018 at 06:36 PM



Kirsten Aymer

“ *Most of my memories of GSA include the humor and with of Brian. He was kind and subtle in his way of caring for others. He always found ways to show he saw you if you were hiding in yourself and needed to be seen.*

*My heart is with you, his family and dear friends who will feel his loss so deeply.*

*I pray for him to have peace and for Amelie to be held with strength and compassion as she begins each new day.*

*My deepest condolences.*

*Kirsten Aymer, GSA c/o 96*

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**Kirsten Aymer** - March 16, 2018 at 08:59 AM

“ *He loved this song:*

*<https://youtu.be/hn4Elv1-uz0>*

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**Holly Lemay** - March 15, 2018 at 05:49 PM



“ *My heart is broken, I've lost a dear friend and brother. I'm so sorry to hear of Brian's passing, Dad Wykes. Brian was one of a kind. He was truly a great friend and confidant. My life is blessed to have had him in it. I have so many wonderful memories with him that I will cherish. May God comfort you during this time.*

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**Joshua Davis** - March 15, 2018 at 03:36 PM



Jessica  
Driscoll

“ *My heart is heavy to know that Brian has passed. What he left behind is a strong memory of laughter, shenanigans and a quick wit that can't be matched!!! He was one of the most non-judgmental, open minded, funny, warm, AVAILABLE people I have ever met. I remember a more than a few down moments in high school and Brian was always there. Always available for friends and family and anyone who needed a shoulder. Blessings to his family and wife and daughter - may peace come to you and know that Brian was loved by many.*



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**Jessica Driscoll** - March 15, 2018 at 02:06 PM



Mary  
Faber

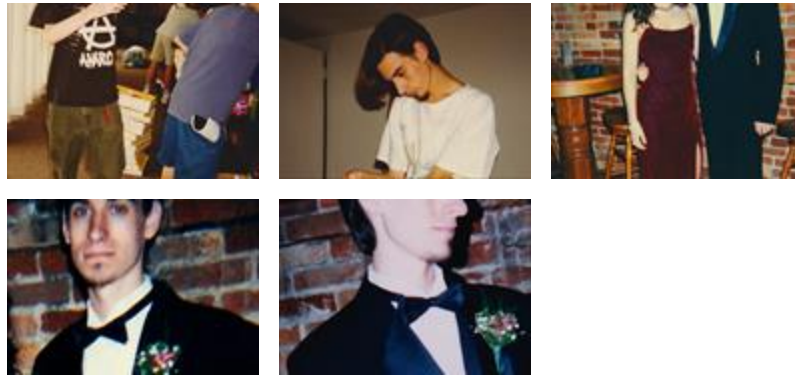
“ *So saddened to hear about Brian's passing. We were friends in high school. I have so many great memories of the long hours we all spent hanging out and goofing around, like teenagers do. He was so so smart, with a dynamic, artistic spirit. Always the funniest and the quickest with a wry comment. He was a good, soulful person. Sending my deepest condolences to his family, especially his sweet little girl.*

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**Mary Faber** - March 15, 2018 at 01:34 PM

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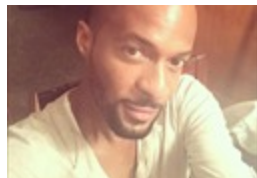
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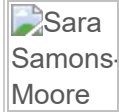
Karen (Moss) Boles - March 15, 2018 at 09:25 AM

MB

“ *Brian, Brian, Brian. As artists, you know we are rarely at a complete loss of words but in this moment it's challenging to find the perfect words to encapsulate all that you are... a brilliant beautiful soul with captivating energy and an incredibly loving spirit. I will miss our 3am Facebook conversations where we discuss everything from 1993 - 2018! And I do mean wholeheartedly and unequivocally everything! HA! For the record, to this day, every and any time the Smashing Pumpkins come up, I immediately think of you and your safety pins. Wow, the things we never forget. Sending love and light to Amelie and your loved ones. You are free now, my dear friend. Soar brotha', SOAR!*



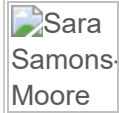
Montre Burton - March 15, 2018 at 04:02 AM



*Then I laughed so hard because I could hear him say “suuuuuuuure my Hollywood producer host actor friend accidentally posts his selfie all over my damn obituary...you’re sooooo LA Montré, so clearly not much has changed since high school!”*

*Yeah, I can hear him now....*

**Sara Samons-Moore** - March 15, 2018 at 05:56 AM



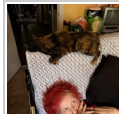
*Thank you Montre and let's keep it real, people! Brian would have wanted it that way. lol He was real and sarcastic and in your face hysterical. Don't be anything less.....for him. GOD LOVE HIM*

**Sara Samons-Moore** - March 15, 2018 at 06:02 AM



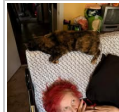
*That was hilarious.*

**Trey Faison** - March 16, 2018 at 10:16 AM




*I recall waking up at like 4 am one morning, hearing him in uproarious laughter. who was that? "that's my friend Monroe, he's a rockstar"*

**Holly LeMay** - March 22, 2018 at 06:42 PM



*Auto-correct snagged your name.*

**Holly LeMay** - March 22, 2018 at 06:43 PM

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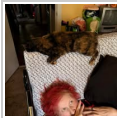
“ *Brian wasn't JUST my cousin...he was my friend. We always stayed in touch and talked on the phone. He was so compassionate and caring. Some of his favorite family memories were about Treasure Island and that stupid Smurf game as well as Yahtzee ALL NIGHT LONG...lol and fishing with Grandpa Wykes. He liked surfing. He loved movies and music. He was a great writer.*

*Brian was a good man and an awesome friend. I will go ahead and say that at times he cared too much and allowed it to fester. However, he embraced difficulty with a passion that often fought him back. He was very brave. Because of that passion he was loved by everyone and he loved them back. He found humor in everything and sarcasm in humor. So gifted, so loved, so amazing. He lit up your day no matter how gloomy he felt.*

*Brian, you outgrew this world too soon. You will never be forgotten and will remain in our hearts. My thoughts and prayers are with you, Amelie, Bill, Martha and extended family. May Amelie's mom, Grandma & Grandpa greet you with open arms and loving embrace.*

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**Sara Samons-Moore** - March 15, 2018 at 12:34 AM



*Hi, friend request me again. If you want. Hugs. He thought of you as sister not cousin. ♥*

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**Holly LeMay** - March 22, 2018 at 06:45 PM



“ I am so sorry to hear about Brian's passing. I met him at Govenor's School my senior year of high school and immediately loved him. He reached out to me on Sunday to say, "Happy Birthday" and it struck me as so thoughtful. We hadn't spoken in many, many years. Thoughtful, hilarious, whip smart. That's Brian to me. I think my favorite memory of Brian was going to see a midnight showing of "Pulp Fiction" with him and Will in high school. How lucky am I that I got so see THAT movie with THAT guy? I can hear his laugh right now. All my love to Brian's family, especially his daughter Amelie, who I know he loved so much.

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**Megahn Perry** - March 14, 2018 at 09:57 PM

DW

“ Bill and Louise I know the grief you are feeling. I am so so sorry for your loss and for Amelie. She needs all of us now more than ever. My prayers are with you.

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**Debbie Worthington** - March 14, 2018 at 11:55 AM

NB

“ Bill and Louise, I didn't know Brian, but I am sure he was a good man and father. I know you and his daughter will miss him. The family is in my prayers. Bill, I know this is the worst thing you will ever have to go through. May God comfort you as you grieve. I love you and Louise.

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**Nancy Bowman** - March 14, 2018 at 10:37 AM

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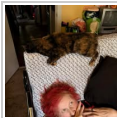
“ *WHat a shame, the dude was amazing, a true Scorpio, kinda mysterious, very attractive, kinda shy, kinda not, absolutely hilarious and schooled me on some 90s grunge/rock/the talking heads. We had a stretch where we were pretty close in 2013. Always completely dug him. And his love for his PRECIOUS daughter was so bright and stood on its on. Rest easy. My memories of Brian Wykes stand as a goofy, sarcastic and knowledge packed creature who acknowledged my weirdness and harmonized with it. .:(*

Ashley Pulfer - March 13, 2018 at 01:45 PM

AJ



Ashley Johnson - March 13, 2018 at 08:49 PM



Holly LeMay - March 22, 2018 at 06:47 PM

HL

“ *Brian and I met in August 2016. I was enamored with him from the start. We moved in a few months after meeting. He was so sweet, funny, kind & handsome. He loves Amelie so much & I will keep her in thought & prayer. I love him. I'm going to miss him in my life. I only find solace that things that troubled him are troubles no more.*

Holly LeMay - March 13, 2018 at 08:48 AM

KS

“ Our deepest sympathies for Uncle Bill and Aunt Louise and precious Amelie. May God comfort you today and forever. We only met Brian a few times, but I am sure if he was anything like his Dad, we would have loved him as we do Uncle Bill. Love you all, God Bless.

Krista and Jim Stegall - March 13, 2018 at 07:24 AM

VK

“ Brian, intelligent and would always made me laugh til I cried. He always challenged me in my movie knowledge. He knew so much. We had inside jokes and he's gonna be missed. He always had my back at work and was so kind to me and others. My heart goes to his family and his little one. Rest peacefully sweet friend.

Victoria Kelley - March 13, 2018 at 07:18 AM

NS

“ He was a good dude. I haven't seen him in a few years, and I wish I had reached out. My prayers are with his daughter and family.

Nick Stubbe - March 12, 2018 at 11:09 PM

RH

“ I hope you are in a better place now. We haven't talked in a couple months but you were like a brother to me. I will always love you. Rest In Peace.

Ryan Holloway - March 12, 2018 at 11:02 PM

RH

And my heart goes out to the rest of his family as well.

Ryan Holloway - March 12, 2018 at 11:07 PM

LE

“ I am completely and utterly saddened by your death, Brian. My thoughts and prayers are with your entire family and with my beautiful niece Amelie during this desperate time of grieving and healing.



Leslie - March 12, 2018 at 07:51 PM

Ashley Johnson

“ You were a good man... I'm thankful for the friendship we had when we worked together and I won't forget all the laughs we shared!! My prayers are with your family and your poor sweet little girl, your eyes would light up with every picture you showed me of her!! I am sorry we lost touch because you were a great friend!! Give Annette a hug for me and fly high Bri <3



Ashley Johnson - March 12, 2018 at 06:39 PM

CS

“ 2 files added to the tribute wall



Cousin Sara - March 12, 2018 at 06:13 PM

NW

“ My heart goes out to Bill, Louise and Amelie for such a tragedy. There are no words.

Neil Wykes - March 12, 2018 at 05:45 PM

SQ

“ I am at a loss for words to express the sadness I feel for my, brother-in-law, Bill, Louise and my niece, Amelie. Brian was my nephew and he will definitely be missed. My thoughts and prayers are with all of you during this most difficult time. I am always here for all of you.



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**Shirley Query** - March 12, 2018 at 05:04 PM

PB

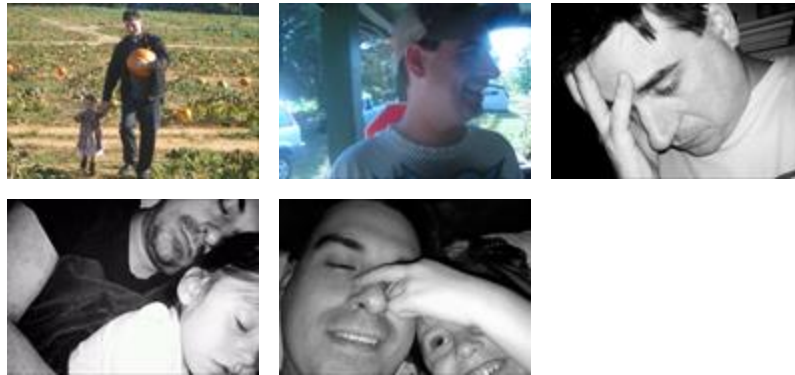
“ I wasn't around Brian much but always thought he could have been a comedian. When I was around him he was always trying to outdo his dad with funny jokes. My prayers are with his dad and precious daughter. May God be with you during this time of sorrow.

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**Patricia Brown** - March 12, 2018 at 04:58 PM

JW

“ 6 files added to the album Remembering Brian



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**Jwatson** - March 12, 2018 at 04:43 PM

JW

*Brian and I shared a lot of good times at Tripps. He was a great friend whom I will miss dearly.*

*We enjoyed similar music tastes, punk rock, indie music, alt rock. In personality, he was gentle, kind and encouraging.*

*He was a very talented script writer and movie reviewer (movie scum)*

*An avid Simpsons fan with a sharp and creative mind.*

*I'm sorry life was hard on you Brian, I wish we had more time together.*

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**Jwatson** - March 12, 2018 at 05:54 PM

CM

“ *Prayers to Bill, Amelie, and family! When I think of Brian, I think of a kind heart, and quick wit. I'm blessed with wonderful memories of Brian from growing up with Grandma & Grandpa Wykes; his computers, computer games, and family vacations. He was so much fun; always enjoyed seeing him.*

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**Cousin Melissa** - March 12, 2018 at 04:01 PM

AJ

“ *We send our love to Bill, Amelie, and all the people who loved him. His great sense of humor was like his dad's. So much fun to be around.*

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**Aunt Julie** - March 12, 2018 at 03:32 PM

AC

“ *Brian had a quick wit and could have our family laughing and enjoying his sense of humor. We told him he could be a comedian.*

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**Aunt Carolyn Cornaghie** - March 12, 2018 at 03:16 PM

AH

*Brian had a great sense of humor, just like his dad. He will be greatly missed. Love to Amelie and Bill.*

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**Aunt Julie Halsey** - March 12, 2018 at 03:26 PM

LT

*So sorry.don't know what to say except my prayers go out too my wonderful brother-in-law sister Louise and Amelie did not get to know Brian a lot but am sure he will be missed by all. GOD SPEED BRIAN REST IN PEACE.*

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**LORRAINE TUCKER** - March 12, 2018 at 08:14 PM

TM

*Sending my love & prayers to Bill, Louise & Amelie my God surround you & comfort you during these hard times. I think I met Bill's son once and from the pictures I see he sure took his looks from his dad & I'm sure he had his sense of humor . My prayers for this family.*

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**Tammy McCloud** - March 13, 2018 at 07:42 AM

JC

*Wrapping the entire family in prayers of love and support. May the peace that passes all understanding be with you all.*

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**JULIE MANLY CHAPMAN** - March 13, 2018 at 12:24 PM